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Reversion of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in South Arcot district.

11-30 a.m. * 1231 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permanent posts of Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars in South Arcot district;

(*b*) how many Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have been reverted in South Arcot district;

(*c*) the causes for the reversion; and

(*d*) the service of the seniormost reverted Tahsildar and Deputy Tahsildar in their grades?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) Nine and five respectively.

" (*b*) Seven and twenty-two respectively.

" (*c*) Abolition of certain posts is due to the introduction of the scheme for separation of the Judiciary from the Executive and the revised food policy of Government.

" (*d*) Three years and ten years and two months respectively.

SRI V. GOPALA GOUNDER :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether some of these reverted people have been absorbed in any other Department of the Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir. Steps are being taken to absorb them in the Commercial Taxes and Labour Departments. Certain posts are being upgraded and also certain supernumerary posts are being created to provide for them."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I bring to the notice of the Hon. Minister that reverted Revenue Department officials are not regularly taken into the Commercial Taxes Department whenever vacancies arise there, and on the other hand, new incumbents from Departments like the Registration Department are brought into that Department? May I ask the Hon. Minister to see that Revenue Department officials also are taken into the Commercial Taxes Department? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, it is not a question of straightaway absorbing people in the Commercial Taxes Department. They must also be qualified. Special qualifications possessed by them, etc., will all be taken into consideration."

Survey of the incidence of leprosy in the State.

* 1232 *Q.*—SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any survey of the incidence of leprosy in the State has been made;

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(*b*) if so, the number of persons in the State suffering from it; and

(*c*) the measures taken to combat it in Kollegal taluk of Coimbatore district?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) 56,399.

" (*c*) Leprosy clinics are functioning in Government Hospital, Kollegal, and in Local Fund dispensaries at Talavadi, Cowdahalli and Hanur. In addition to the drugs obtained by these institutions in the usual course of their indents for drugs arrangements have been made to supply them with all the up-to-date drugs and equipment required for treatment of leprosy from the funds of the District Leprosy Relief Fund kept at the disposal of the District Medical Officer, Coimbatore. The Medical Officers at Cowdahalli and Talavadi are visiting the villages of Ramapuram, Korattihosur, and Tiganari and giving treatment on the spot to a large number of leprosy cases there."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government will be pleased to appoint a Special Medical Officer to tour the entire taluk to give medical aid to those affected by leprosy in addition to the present Medical Officer who is doing that work and who is much over-worked? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Leprosy is a widely prevalent disease and we cannot appoint Special Officers in every district."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether, in addition to these temporary measures, permanent measures like isolation of lepers in segregated homes are undertaken? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Some steps for isolating infected cases have been taken in Tirukkoyilur."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" குஷ்டரோகம் ஒரு அறுவருக்கத்தக்க வியாதியாகையால் அதிகாரிகளுக்கு சரியான புள்ளிவிவரம் கிடைக்கவில்லை என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். சமூக ஊழியர்கள் மூலமும், அரசியல் கட்சிகளின் மூலமும் ஏன் புள்ளிவிவரம் சேகரித்து அவர்களுக்கு நிவாரணம் அளிக்கக்கூடாது ?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" It is very difficult for Government to isolate infective cases. Isolation has to be done **in the patients' houses or by some arrangement village.** "

Inspection of Panchayat Courts in Malabar by the District Munsifs.

* 1233 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any request from any of the Panchayat Courts in the Malabar district that the District Munsifs inspecting Panchayat Courts should be directed to visit the Panchayat Court office and not get the records of the Panchayat Courts removed to the Munsif's Court?